

Amendments to the Claims

1-14. (Canceled).

15. (New) A broadcasting method comprising the steps of:

broadcasting encrypted contents from a broadcasting side wherein said encrypted contents are encrypted by said broadcasting side and said encrypted contents are stored into a storage medium at a receiving side; and

broadcasting a play command with a decryption key at the time after broadcasting said encrypted contents wherein that time is predetermined by said broadcasting side and said decryption key is stored into a memory at a receiving side;

wherein said play command causes said encrypted contents to be retrieved from said storage medium and said decryption key decrypts encryption by said broadcasting side, and wherein decrypted contents are outputted and said decryption key is deleted from said memory when output of said decrypted content is finished.

16. (New) A broadcasting method according to claim 15, wherein said encrypted contents are broadcasted with a first identifier identifying said encrypted contents, and

wherein said play command broadcasted with a second identifier identifying said first identifier broadcasting with said encrypted contents allowed to be retrieved from said storage medium for output.

17. (New) A broadcast receiver comprising:

a receiving unit which receives encrypted contents, which is encrypted by a broadcasting side, broadcasted from the broadcasting side, and receives a play command with a decryption key at the time after broadcasting said encrypted contents wherein that time is predetermined by said broadcasting side;

a storage medium which stores said encrypted contents;

a memory which stores said decryption key; and

a processor which stores said encrypted contents into said storage medium, stores said decryption key into said memory, retrieves said encrypted contents from said storage medium in accordance with said play command, decrypts said encrypted contents by using said decryption key stored in said memory for output and deletes said decryption key from said memory when output of decrypted contents is finished.

18. (New) A broadcast receiver according to claim 17, wherein said receiving unit receives said encrypted contents with a first identifier identifying said encrypted contents and receives a second identifier, broadcasted with said play command,

identifying said first identifier broadcasting with said encrypted contents allowed to be retrieved from said storage medium for output, and

wherein said processor retrieves said encrypted contents, which is identified by said first identifier if said first identifier is identified by said second identifier, from said storage medium with said play command.